

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)

Docket No. CP2016-56

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CHANGES IN RATES
FOR INBOUND PARCEL POST (AT UPU RATES)

(Issued December 17, 2015)

I. INTRODUCTION

Notice of filing. On December 16, 2015, the Postal Service filed notice pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5, announcing its intention to change rates not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Rates) effective January 1, 2016.¹

II. CONTENTS OF FILING

To accompany its Notice, the Postal Service filed the following materials:

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates) and Application for Non-Public Treatment, December 16, 2015, at 1-2 (Notice).

- Attachment 1 – an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal;
- Attachment 2 – a redacted copy of Governors’ Decision No. 14-04;
- Attachment 3 – a redacted copy of UPU International Bureau (IB) Circular 163, which contains the new rates;
- Attachment 4 – a copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2); and
- Attachment 5 – documentation in support of inflation-linked adjustment for inward land rates.

Id., Attachments 1-5.

The Postal Service also filed supporting financial workpapers, an unredacted copy of Governors’ Decision 14-04, an unredacted copy of the new rates, and related financial information under seal. *Id.*

Management analysis. In accordance with Order Nos. 2102² and 2310,³ the Postal Service has: (1) provided documentation supporting the inflation-linked adjustment as Attachment 5; (2) updated its advisory delivery information in a timely manner in the UPU’s online compendium to justify bonus payments; (3) provided the date that the UPU advised the United States of the Inward Land Rate, and provided the calculation of the rate for the pertinent year, in the UPU IB Circular 163 as Attachment 3; (4) provided the special drawing rights (SDR) conversion rate of 1 SDR to \$1.38672 U.S. dollars used for the cost coverage analysis; and (5) provided the estimated cost coverage for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates) for the pertinent year. Notice at 3-4.

III. COMMISSION ACTION

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2016-56 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice.

² Docket No. CP2014-52, Order Accepting Price Changes for Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), June 26, 2014, at 6 (Order No. 2102).

³ Docket No. CP2015-24, Order Accepting Changes in Rates for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), December 29, 2014, at 4 (Order No. 2310).

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, or 3633, and 39 CFR part 3015. Comments are due no later than December 24, 2015. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2016-56 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding (Public Representative).
3. Comments are due no later than December 24, 2015.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary